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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/697,570 Confirmation No. 8422  
Applicant(s) : Nicholas Gerald GREY  
Filed : October 31, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 1746  
Examiner : Frankie L. Stinson  
Title : SURFACE CLEANING APPARATUS  
Docket No. : ERPC.117628

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-145

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102(d)  
ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL INFRINGEMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests that application 10/697,570 be examined on an expedited basis by way of grant of this Petition. This Petition is accompanied by an Information Disclosure Statement and the Petition fee under 37 § CFR 1.17(h).

This request is based on actual infringement. Further to that regard, the undersigned states as follows:

1. It is believed that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use. The device was previously purchased on behalf of the undersigned. Copies of pictures of the actually infringing device are attached to this Petition.

2. A rigid comparison of the device believed to be infringing the claims of this application has been made against the claims, and in the opinion of the undersigned, at least some of the claims of this application are unquestionably infringed. Note that in two of the pictures of the infringing device, arrows have been included to more clearly indicate the presence in the infringing device of the cleaning strip element recited in the claims of this application.

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**PETITION GRANTED**

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Special Program Examiner

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